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"HE MATES, AND CHECKS, AND SLAYS, AND ONE BY ONE BACK IN THE CLOSET LAYS." OMAR

SWIFTY JOE YANNER, WHO COULD DISPUTE ANY MAN'S CLAIM TO BEING THE BIGGEST ROGUE IN AFRICA...
HATES THE DUTCHMAN WHO OWNS TWO THIRDS OF THE DIAMOND MINE AND THE AFFECTIONS OF YALA...
THAT FAT FOOL! GIVING AWAY DIAMONDS WHAT I SWEAT FOR!
YA, FOR YOU, LIDDLE ONE! A NICE STONE! YOU LIKE, I THINK...
SUCH WAS THE UNSAVORY SITUATION! ONE NIGHT WHEN THE DAYS DIGGING WAS BEING DIVIDED...
YA, WE DO GOOD TODAY! GOOD STONES! WE GOT BEST LIDDLE DIAMOND MINE IN AFRICA, I TINK!
C'MON, DUTCHMAN, GIMME MY SHARE!
YOU GOOD TO YALA, DUTCHMAN! I LOVE YOU! MUCH LOVE YOU!
YA... ONE THIRD FOR YOU, SHIFTY! I GEEP TWO THIRDS!
YEAH, LIKE ALWAYS, YA ROTTEN HUNK OF BLUBBER!
YA, JOE, YOU DON'T FOOL ME! I KNOW YOU HATE ME! HA HA - MAYBE SOME DAY I GIVE YOU MORE DIAMONDS. MAYBE EVEN GIVE YOU LIDDLE GIRL, HUH?
I WANTA BE AROUND WHEN YOU GIVE SOMETHING AWAY, DUTCHMAN!
WE PLAY CHESS NOW, HUH? FORGET OUR TROUBLES! TONIGHT I BEAT YOU LIKE ALWAYS!

MIGHT AS WELL PLAY THE CRUMMY GAME! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP FROM GOING NUTS IN THIS JUNGLE HOLE!
HA HA- PRETTY SOON RIVER STEAMER COME, JOE, BRING YOU SOME NEW PINUP PICTURES, YA!
HA, I TINK I GOT YOU CHECKMATE SOON, JOE! YOU GOT NO BRAINS FOR CHESS!
I GOT BRAINS ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN THE TIME COMES!
THE WITCHES BROTH BEGINS TO BUBBLE! A FEW NIGHTS LATER...
YA, NEFFER WAS I SO TIRED, JOE! I TINK I- YAWN- TURN IN!
YOU'RE TIRED, HA! I DO ALL THE WORK AROUND HERE!
LATER, JOE GOES FOR A WALK BY THE RIVER, HIS THOUGHTS AS DEEP AND MUDDY AS THE STREAM...
I AIN'T GONNA TAKE MUCH MORE OF THE DUTCHMAN! I GOTTA ACT SOON, BEFORE THE RIVER BOAT ARRIVES! ONLY THE DUTCHMAN IS PRETTY SMART!
YALA! THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE I'M GOING TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE DUTCHMAN!
WHEN YALA FINISHES BATHING...
HI, YALA! I BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! THAT WAS, HEH HEH- A GOOD SHOW!
YOU! SPYING ON YALA!
C'MON, BABY! PUT THE KNIFE AWAY! I WON'T HURT YOU,
STAY AWAY, YOU DIRTY PIG, YALA CUT!

OWWWW! YOU LITTLE DEVIL! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
YOU WILL PAY, WHEN I TELL THE DUTCHMAN!
JOE'S BRAIN REELS IN A TERRIBLE ANGER, AS THOUGH THE BLOOD WERE OOZING FROM HIS VERY SOUL...
I'LL GET THEM! I'LL GET THEM BOTH! I'LL GET EVEN RIGHT NOW- TONIGHT!
MINUTES LATER...
I GOT TO DO IT FAST BEFORE I LOSE MY NERVE! THE FAT CLOWN DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE!
HUH! JOE! NO- DON'T! GAAAAAAA
YALA HEARS THE SHOT...
SWINE! YOU KILL MY DUTCHMAN! I KILL YOU!
NO, YALA, LISTEN! WE CAN WORK OUT A DEAL! PUT THAT KNIFE AWAY!
I KILL- KILL!
YOU CRAZY LITTLE WENCH! OUCH! CUT IT OUT, I TELL YA! I'LL SHOOT!
MAYBE JOE MEANT TO KILL HER, MAYBE NOT! WHO KNOWS...
OWWWW- I-AHHHH...
YALA!

JOE WORKS LATE THAT NIGHT...
THERE! THE CURRENT OUGHTA CARRY 'EM DOWNSTREAM! OR MAYBE THE CROCS WILL GET THEM! THAT WOULD BE BEST!
BUT THE HOURS HANG LIKE LEADEN WEIGHTS...
LATER...
I GOTTA HAVE A STORY WHEN THE RIVER STEAMER COMES! I'LL SAY THEY BOTH DIED OF FEVER! YEAH, THAT'S IT! AND I HAD TA BURRY THEM DEEP IN THE JUNGLE!
ALL MINE NOW! I'M RICH, ONLY I GOTTA GET OUTTA AFRICA! I WISH THAT BOAT WAS DUE TOMORROW 'STEAD OF NEXT WEEK
I-I'M GOING NUTS! I KEEP THINKING OF THE DUTCHMAN'S FACE JUST BEFORE I SHOT HIM! I GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
I KNOW! I'LL PLAY THAT BLASTED GAME WITH MYSELF! AT LEAST IT'LL HELP PASS THE TIME!
HA HA - THIS IS ONE TIME I'LL BEAT THAT CURSED DUTCHMAN!

A ROARING LIKE A CATARACT IN JOE'S EARS! THE ROOM FILLS WITH FOG - AND OUT OF THE FOG...
YA, JOE! WE HAVE LIDDLE GAME!
AGHHH! THAT HAND! THE D-D-UTCHMAN!
YIIIIII - I'M SEEING THINGS! THAT H-HAND AIN'T R-REALLY THERE! IT C-CAN'T BE!
YOU WAS ALWAYS A COWARD, JOE! YA! COME AND HAVE LIDDLE GAME!
I GIVE YOU CHANCE, JOE! FOR YOUR LIFE, YA! YOU BEAT THE DUTCH-MAN ONE GAME AND I LET YOU LIFF! YA?
OKAY, DUTCHMAN! I'LL P-PLAY YOU! ONLY IT AIN'T FAIR! Y-YER TOO GOOD!
SO, HIS HANDS GREASY WITH THE SWEAT OF FEAR, JOE PLAYS FOR HIS LIFE...
YOU BLAY, JOE! WE SEE!
I-I DUNNO! CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT! IF I MAKE ONE MORE MISTAKE...
YOUR MOVE, YA!
YOUR QUEEN, JOE!
WHAT!

REMORSELESSLY, PIECE BY PIECE, THE HAND CLEARS THE BOARD...
I-I AIN'T GOT A CHANCE! T-THAT THING IS GONNA KILL ME!
THEN THE SUDDEN MIRACLE...
I GOT YOU! I WIN! CHECKMATE!
YA, JOE, YOU WIN!
SURE, JOE, I PROMISED!
I FINALLY BEAT YA, YA STUPID DUTCH-MAN! NOW YOU GOT TO LEMME GO! YA PROMISED!
I GEEP PROMISE, JOE-FOR NOW! YA! GOOT PYE, JOE!
MINUTES LATER...
IT'S GONE, AND I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE BEFORE IT COMES BACK TONIGHT!
NO TIME TO WAIT FOR THE STEAMER! THIS OLD DUGOUT AIN'T MUCH, BUT MAYBE SHE'LL GET ME DOWN TO THE PORT! AWAY FROM THAT (SHUDDER) HAND!
AN HOUR LATER...
CROCS! NEVER SAW SO MANY BEFORE! THEY'RE AFTER SOMETHING IN THE WATER!

THE BODIES!
THEN
JOES SCREAM BREAKS THE JUNGLE QUIET AT THE SIGHT OF THE DUTCHMAN..
EEEAAA
HIS RIGHT HAND IS GONE!
YOU MADE LIDDLE MISTAKE, JOE! I'M STILL HERE, YA!
NO! DON'T! AHHHHHH- SAVE ME! THE CROCS!
NAAAAA
CHECKMATE, JOE! YA!
THE END

JEFFREY WARING WAS A MURDERER!... AND THOUGHT HIS SECRET WAS SAFE! THEN THE TERRIFYING NIGHTS BEGAN AND HE FOUND HIMSELF HOUNDED TO THE BRINK OF MADNESS BY THE DREAD VOICE FROM.....
THE TOMB OF HATE
CYNTHIA WARING, A VICTIM OF PARALYSIS SHOWS SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT...
I'M VERY HOPEFUL, MR. WARING! SOON YOUR SISTER MAY BE ABLE TO MOVE AND SPEAK!
THAT'S MARVELOUS, DR. KIRK!

BUT WHAT JEFFREY WARING THINKS IS QUITE DIFFERENT...
IF THE OLD FOOL CURES HER, I'VE LOST EVERYTHING! DAD LEFT MILLIONS TO HER- SHE MUST DIE - SHE MUST!
THAT NIGHT...
SO YOU'RE AWAKE, CYNTHIA DEAR! I'M SORRY, I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WATCH THIS!
YES, CYNTHIA, IT'S POISON! A KIND IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A TRACE OF! AND YOU CAN'T SCREAM OR MOVE! IT'S TOO EASY!
THERE! IT WILL BE OVER IN A MOMENT AND YOU'LL HARDLY FEEL IT! GOODBYE, CYNTHIA, I NEED YOUR MONEY!
UHHH-I-YOU-AHHHHH.....
HUH! Y-YOU CAN'T YOU'RE PARALYZED! IT M-MUST BE THE REACTION CAUSED BY THE POISON!
BUT CYNTHIA DIES AND TWO DAYS LATER...
SO YOU'RE GOING TO PUT HER IN THE TOMB WITH THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY!
OF COURSE! ALL THE WARINGS LIE THERE! POOR CYNTHIA, SHE HAD SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR!

THAT NIGHT.. AFTER THE FUNERAL...
I WAS SURPRISED BY YOUR SISTER'S DEATH, JEFFREY! I WOULD HAVE SWORN SHE WAS ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY!
A TERRIBLE BLOW, SIR, BUT IT WAS THE WILL OF FATE!
BUT THAT NIGHT JEFFREY WARING CAN'T SLEEP...
I WONDER IF DR. KIRK SUSPECTS ANYTHING? BUT HOW COULD HE? THAT POISON WAS VERY RARE - FOOLPROOF!
HE YIELDS TO A STRANGE COMPULSION...
MUST BE MY NERVES, I SUPPOSE! BUT I MUST KNOW IF CYNTHIA IS STILL IN HER COFFIN!
A CHILL OF TERROR RACES THROUGH HIM...
THE C-COFFIN! THE LID IS OFF! BUT I SAW THEM NAIL IT DOWN MYSELF!
S-SHE'S STILL HERE THANK GOODNESS, BUT HOW DID THE COFFIN LID COME OFF?

MY IMAGINATION MUST BE PLAYING TRICKS! MAYBE THEY DIDN'T NAIL DOWN THE COFFIN!
THERE, DEAR SISTER, YOU AND YOUR SMILE WON'T BOTHER ME ANY MORE
BUT JEFFREY IS WRONG! THE WORM OF FEAR CRAWLS IN HIS MIND, AND THAT NIGHT...
THIS TERRIBLE COMPULSION TO SEE CYNTHIA IN HER COFFIN MUST STOP! AFTER TONIGHT I'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE AND TAKE A LONG TRIP!
EEEEE- N-NO! I NAILED THAT LID DOWN MYSELF LAST NIGHT! AND SHE'S TRYING TO GET OUT!
I C-CAN HARDLY BEAR TO TOUCH HER! SO COLD! BUT I MUST! IF ONLY SHE WOULDN'T SMILE LIKE THAT!

MORE NAILS! BUT THIS TIME I'LL MAKE SURE! I'LL PUT ONE OF THOSE HEAVY TOMBSTONES ON THE COFFIN! THE ONES THAT FATHER ORDERED AND NEVER USED!
THERE, CYNTHIA, LET ME SEE YOU GET OUT NOW! YOU'RE SEALED IN FOREVER!
I'M NOT TAKING ANY MORE CHANCES! I'LL LEAVE NOW! TONIGHT! MAYBE A TRIP TO EUROPE!
MY NERVES ARE SHOT, BUT A LONG REST WILL FIX THAT!
JEFFREY! OH JEFFREY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
CYNTHIA'S VOICE! BUT NO- IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!

COME, JEFFREY, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! COME TO THE TOMB!
IT- IT'S HER VOICE! COMING FROM THE TOMB!
I'VE GOT TO KNOW! EITHER CYNTHIA ISN'T DEAD, OR I'M SEEING AND HEARING THINGS! I'LL GO MAD!
GAAA! THE STONE'S DISLODGED! AND THE C-COFFIN IS OPEN AGAIN! B-BUT WHERE IS SHE?
Y-YOU'RE YOU'RE NOT DEAD AT ALL! AAAAAAA-
CYNTHIA! PLEASE- STOP SMILING LIKE THAT! LISTEN TO ME! I'M SORRY- I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL YOU! PLEASE-PLEASE..

NO USE, JEFFREY! YOUR SISTER IS REALLY DEAD - AND WE KNOW YOU MURDERED HER!
YES, WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH!
DR. KIRK! SO IT WAS A TRICK!
YES, I ARRANGED THE RICTUS SARDONICUS, OR DEATH SMILE ON HER FACE! I REMOVED THE NAILS AND STONE! I IMITATED HER VOICE AND MOVED THE BODY WITH A ROPE ... AND I GOT YOU!
NOT YET, YOU HAVEN'T! I'LL BEAT YOU AFTER ALL!
STOP!
BUT JEFFREY SLIPS AND...
NGAAAAAAA-
JUST AS WELL, DOCTOR! IT'LL SAVE THE STATE THE EXPENSE OF HANGING HIM!
.. AND FITTING, SOMEHOW, THAT A TOMBSTONE SHOULD KILL HIM!
THE END

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THE TIME-1926! JIM AND CYNTHIA LORING ARE HONEY-MOONING IN SPAIN...
BLAST IT! STALLED AGAIN! HOPE I CAN FIX IT!
SUCH A LOVELY SPOT! MILES FROM THE VILLAGE!
AFRAID WE'RE STUCK, CYNTHIA! THE DISTRIBUTOR SEEMS TO BE SHOT!
LOOK, DARLING! THOSE BUILDINGS! MAYBE WE CAN GET HELP THERE! THEY MAY EVEN LET US STAY OVER!

BUT WHEN THEY APPROACH.
IT LOOKS SO DESERTED! FALLING TO RUIN!
AN OLD MONASTERY! SPAIN IS FULL OF THEM! WE'LL GET NO HELP HERE!
AT LEAST IT'S SHELTER OF A SORT! I'LL BUILD A FIRE AND WE'LL SPEND THE NIGHT HERE!
IT'S SO CREEPY!
SOON
IT'S SORT OF FUN NOW, JIM, WITH THE FIRE / AN ADVENTURE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY! IN THE MORNING I'LL FIND A GARAGE!
AN HOUR PASSES...
I'M GLAD CYNTHIA COULDN'T SEE HOW FRIGHTENED I AM! SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M A COWARD! SHE MUST NEVER KNOW!
FROM THE SHADOWS A CIRCLE OF STEALTHY FIGURES APPROACH...
HUH! W-WHO ARE YOU? STAY AWAY- GET BACK!
CYNTHIA WAKES TO SUDDEN TERROR...
HA HA HA
EEEEEEE

BEWARE, STRANGERS! YOU ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE INQUISITION!
SEIZE THEM! THEY MUST BE TORTURED FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR SOULS!
NO! D-DON'T! THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF CRAZY DREAM!
THE INQUISITION! BUT-
OHHH-
THE SCREAMING PAIR ARE DRAGGED DOWN INTO THE CLAMMY DEPTHS OF THE MONASTERY!
LET ME GO! JIM- HELP ME..
NO-NO-NO-NO-
GAAAA-
THE GIRL FIRST! INTO THE IRON MAIDEN WITH HER!
NO! PLEASE- DON'T TORTURE HER!
EEEEE-
PUT THAT ONE WHERE HE CANNOT INTERFERE! HIS TURN WILL COME!
YES! HA- HE WILL SUFFER ALSO!
W-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
D-DON'T LEAVE ME HERE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH MY WIFE!
HA-YOU'LL SOON KNOW! WHEN YOU HEAR HER SCREAMING!
HURRY, FOOL!

IN THE TORTURE CHAMBER A STRANGE JURY ASSEMBLES.
ARE YOU READY, JURY? WE MUST GET THIS OVER WITH!
WE ARE READY!
I DEMAND THE DEATH OF THIS WOMAN! SHE IS A SPY, SENT TO DESTROY US! HOW DOES THE JURY SAY?
N-NO! YOU'RE ALL MAD! I HAVE DONE NOTHING!
GUILTY!
KILL! KILL!
SHE DIES!
SO BE IT! SHE HAS BEEN TRIED AND FOUND GUILTY! DO YOUR WORK, BROTHERS!
WE WILL!
N-NO! DON'T KILL ME!
P-PLEASE! OH, DON'T DO THIS TO ME! I BEG-
HA-HA-HA-HA- SHE BEGS!
THERE!
JUST HEAR HOW SHE SCREAMS!

MEANTIME...
UGHH-UGH-RATS CRAWLING ON ME! T-THEY'LL EAT ME ALIVE!
BUT FATE AND RATS PLAY ODD TRICKS!
THEY'RE GNAWING AT THE THONGS! MUST LIKE THE TASTE! M-MAYBE THEY'LL GET ME FREE!
SURE ENOUGH...
THEY DID IT! I'M FREE-FREE! NOW IF I CAN GET OUT OF HERE!
I CAN JUST MAKE IT! IT SEEMS TO LEAD INTO A TUNNEL! I'LL GET AWAY FROM THOSE HORRORS!
I'LL GET HELP! NO USE TRYING TO FIGHT THOSE THINGS ALONE! CYNTHIA WILL UNDERSTAND-I KNOW SHE WILL!
SO JIM LORING, COWARD, RUNS PANTING THROUGH THE NIGHT..
I CAN'T GO BACK THERE ALONE! THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO WILL HELP ME! THE POLICE-ANYBODY!

AS THE FRANTIC MAN NEARS HIS CAR...

YOU, THERE! HELP-HELP!

THIS ONE IS BADLY FRIGHTENED!

AN AMERICAN, IT SEEMS! THIS MUST BE HIS CAR!

DORING GASPS OUT HIS FANTASTIC STORY...

YOU'RE THE POLICE, AREN'T YOU? YOU MUST SAVE MY WIFE!

WE ARE THE POLICE, SEÑOR, BUT...

THERE IS NO OLD MONASTERY IN THESE PARTS, SEÑOR! YOU ARE DRUNK, PERHAPS?

RIGHT HERE! HUH! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THERE WAS AN OLD MONASTERY HERE! MY WIFE—

WE UNDERSTAND, SEÑOR! NOW YOU MUST COME WITH US!

MAD, MOST CERTAINLY! I WONDER IF HE REALLY HAD A WIFE?

I TELL YOU IT IS THERE! THEY HAVE MY WIFE!

COME, PEDRO! WE WILL HUMOR THIS CRAZY AMERICAN!

YES!

THE NEXT DAY IN A SPANISH PRISON...

LET ME GO! MY WIFE - CYNTHIA! I TELL YOU - HA-HA-HA - WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?

PERHAPS THE JUDGE WILL BELIEVE YOU, SEÑOR!

YOU WILL HAVE GOOD TREATMENT, AMERICAN!

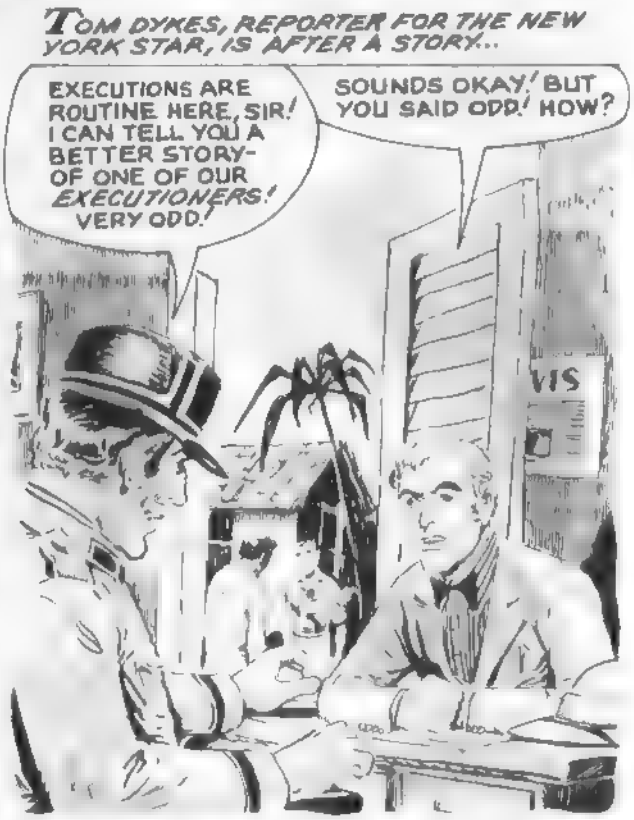
IMBECILE JAILORS! TO LEAVE THIS MURDERER HIS BELT!

PERHAPS IT IS BEST! HE KILLS HIS WIFE, WE FIND HER POOR BODY FULL OF WOUNDS! HE KILLS HIMSELF WHEN HIS FOOLISH STORY FAILS! POOF- IT IS DONE! CUT HIM DOWN!

THE END

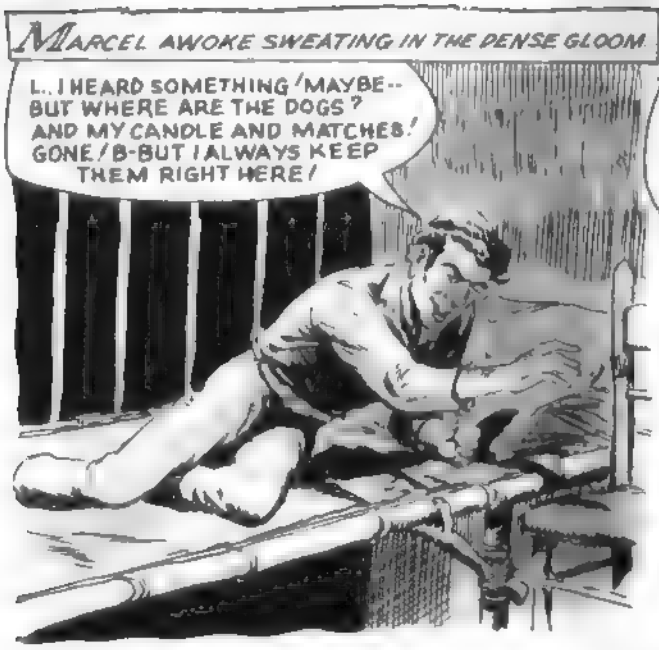
THE BLOODY KNIFE

ON A SWELTERING SLIME-COVERED ROCK NOT FAR FROM THE INFAMOUS PENAL COLONY OF DEVIL'S ISLAND, THERE IS ANOTHER AND MORE HORRIBLE ISLAND! THERE IS WASHED UP THE HUMAN DEBRIS THAT IS TOO HORRIBLE FOR EVEN THE DEVIL! NOBODY BUT MURDERERS ARE EVER SENT TO THE "ROCK," AND IT IS HERE THAT AN AMERICAN REPORTER IS TRYING TO GET A STORY ABOUT....



NEXT DAY AS I PAID MARCEL FOR HIS BLOODY WORK, HE MADE A STRANGE REQUEST.
WELL, WHAT IS IT? YOU HAVE BEEN PAID, NOW GET OUT!
IF YOU PLEASE, SIR! THERE IS A REQUEST! I WOULD LIKE
THE HEAD OF THE EXECUTED MAN, SIR! IT WILL BE THE FIRST OF MY... COLLECTION! I AM GOING TO (CHUCKLE) SAVE THEM ALL!
VERY WELL! THE HEAD IS YOURS... NOW GET OUT! YOU MAKE ME SICK!
THANK YOU, SIR! THANK YOU A THOUSAND TIMES!
HERE, DOG! BUT WATCH YOURSELF.. WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU SOONER OR LATER!
BAH! GIVE ME THE HEAD! I AM NOT AFRAID OF YOU CONVICT SCUM! MY DOGS WILL PROTECT ME!
HA HA! HOW MY BROTHERS HATE ME! BUT YOU WILL PROTECT ME, DANTE AND INFERNO, NO? AND I HAVE MY KNIFE! LET THEM THREATEN!
MARCEL HAD PREPARED A JAR OF ALCOHOL
PRETTY, EH MY PETS? WHAT, YOU DO NOT LIKE IT? WELL, I LIKE IT! SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR MY WORK! AND THERE WILL BE MORE!

INCREDIBLE, AND HORRIBLE! BUT WHAT HAPPENED? WERE THERE MORE HEADS?
MORE? OH YES! MANY--PUFF--MORE! ALL THIS TOOK PLACE ON--PUFF--VULTURE ROCK! THE RATE OF EXECUTIONS WAS VERY HIGH! MARCEL'S COLLECTION GREW RAPIDLY!
HA! SOON I WILL HAVE OVER A DOZEN! ALL MY HANDIWORK! PERHAPS WHEN I DIE, I'LL (CHUCKLE) LEAVE THEM TO THE CHAMBER OF HORRORS!
BUT AS MARCELS COLLECTION GREW, SO DID THE HATRED OF THE OTHER CONVICTS!
MARCEL DIES SOON! LE BRAS HAS A PLAN!
ABOUT TIME! HE IS WORSE THAN AN INFORMER! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN KILLED LONG AGO!
LE BRAS, THE LEADER OF THE CONVICTS WAS A MURDERER TEN TIMES OVER!
TONIGHT WE VISIT THE CABIN OF MARCEL! YOU KNOW WHAT WE WILL DO! IS THIS NOT A FORMIDABLE PLAN?
A GOOD ONE, LE BRAS, ALMOST WHAT MARCEL DESERVES!
MARCEL WILL DIE, DO NOT DOUBT IT! BUT HE MUST NOT DIE EASILY! FIRST HE MUST SUFFER HORRIBLY--AND I, LE BRAS, HAVE THE PERFECT PLAN!
THAT NIGHT THEY FOLLOWED LE BRAS TO MARCEL'S HUT!
QUIET, YOU MEN, WE MUST NOT AWAKEN HIM!
GO AHEAD! WE WILL HANDLE THE DOGS!
EVEN SO, ONE MAN WAS KILLED BEFORE THEY SILENCED THE DOGS...
MON DIEU! THIS IS NOT A DOG, BUT A JUNGLE TIGER!
SHH! WE HAVE THE BEAST NOW!
AT LEAST THEY DID NOT BARK AND AWAKEN MARCEL!

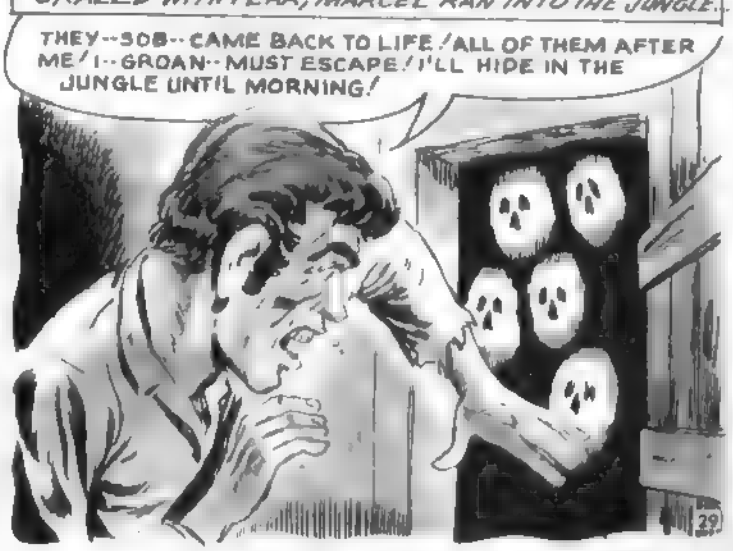

MARCEL AWOKE SWEATING IN THE DENSE GLOOM
L..I HEARD SOMETHING/MAYBE--BUT WHERE ARE THE DOGS? AND MY CANDLE AND MATCHES! GONE/B-BUT I ALWAYS KEEP THEM RIGHT HERE!

SUDDENLY THERE WAS A LIGHT IN THE ROOM! A HORRIBLE LIGHT...
WHO? W-WHAT? B-BUT NO--IT CANNOT BE! YOU CANNOT BE OUT OF YOUR JAR! YOU ARE THE HEAD OF...

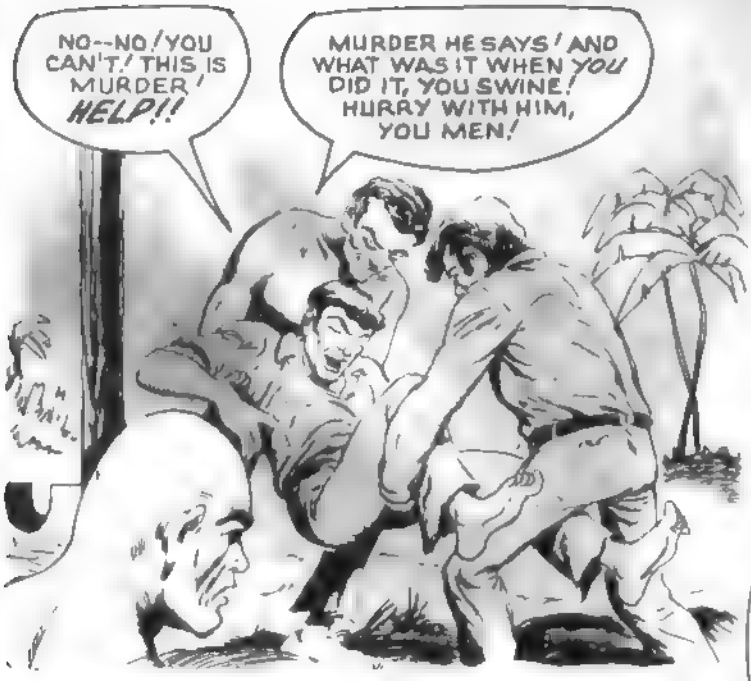
...PIERRE YAAAA!

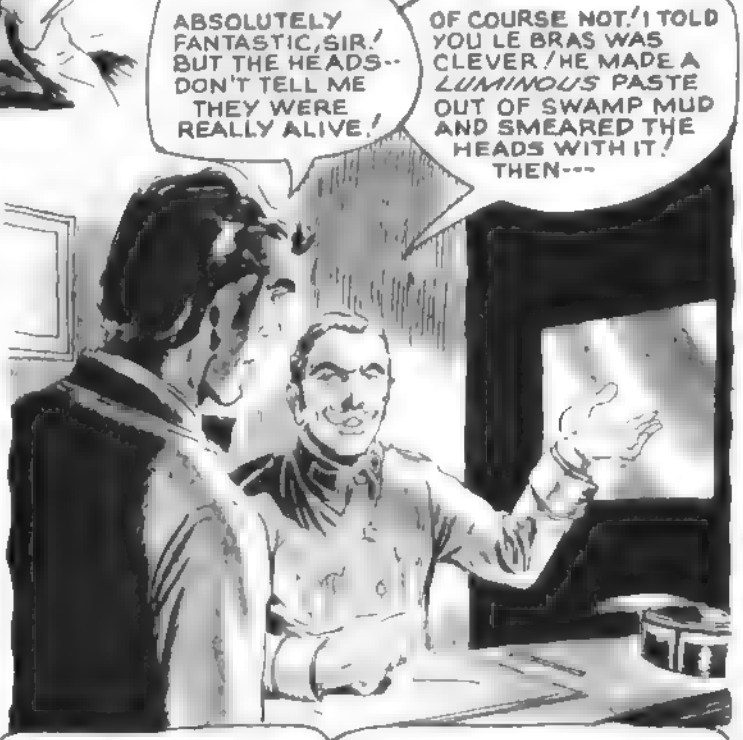
SUDDENLY THE HUT WAS ALIVE--WITH HEADS!
GUSTAVE--NICK--PAUL--GO BACK TO YOUR JARS! AAAAAA!

YAOOWWW!... NO... FOR THE LOVE OF MERCY, NO!...EEEYYII!


CRAZED WITH FEAR, MARCEL RAN INTO THE JUNGLE.
THEY--SOB--CAME BACK TO LIFE/ALL OF THEM AFTER ME/I--GROAN--MUST ESCAPE/I'LL HIDE IN THE JUNGLE UNTIL MORNING!

SOON THE SWEATING MAN CAME TO A FORK IN THE PATH
I MUST TAKE THE RIGHT PATH! IT LEADS TO THE COMMANDANT'S HOUSE... HE'LL HELP ME!
BUT A MOMENT LATER...
GAAAA... ANOTHER ONE! THEY'RE FOLLOWING ME!
THE HEAD SERVED ITS PUPOSE! IT SENT MARCEL SCURRYING UP THE OTHER PATH, THE ONE LEADING AWAY FROM THE CAMP!
IT'S NOT FOLLOWING ME NOW! I'M SAFE FOR THE TIME BEING! AND THERE'S A CLEARING AHEAD WITH A DESERTED HUT! I CAN HIDE THERE!
BUT WHEN HE REACHED THE CLEARING.
HUH! SOMEBODY'S BUILT A GUILLOTINE! BUT WHY?
MARCEL COULD NOT RESTRAIN HIS GRISLY CURIOUSITY..
HMM . CRUDE, BUT EFFICIENT! YES, IT WILL WORK! A BLADE MADE OF MACHETES! CLEVER! I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT OUT!
YOU WILL TRY IT OUT, MARCEL, NEVER FEAR!
LE BRAS! BUT HOW? YOU'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE LOCKED UP!
AND THEN MARCEL KNEW...
HA HA! NOW YOU GET WHAT YOU GAVE SO MANY!
YIIIII! IT WAS A TRICK TO GET ME INTO THE JUNGLE!
YES, YOU PIG! QUICK! UNDER THE KNIFE WITH HIM!





THE NEXT DAY I RECEIVED A PACKAGE...

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MASK OF HORROR
DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES IT CAME! BURNING WITH MALEVOLENT HATRED OF THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHOM THE GREEK GODS SENTENCED TO THE MOST HORRIBLE OF LIVING DEATHS! BUT WHERE IS IT NOW? AND WHAT IS IT, REALLY— THIS... THIS MASK OF HORROR ?!!!
HISSS
HISSS
HISSSS
AARRRR
THE MASK OF MEDUSA? YES, I KNOW IT WELL! IN FACT, IT BELONGED TO ME... TWICE! NO NEED TO SAY HOW IT CAME TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE ---TRICK OF THE TRADE YOU MIGHT SAY!
I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW I FELT WHEN I FIRST SAW HER! BEAUTIFUL, BUT SO TERRIBLE! HAMMERED FROM VIRGIN METAL CENTURIES AGO! IT TOOK ON THE HATRED AND BITTERNESS OF MEDUSA HERSELF! IT LEARNED TO KILL... YES, I SAID KILL!
TO THOSE WHO RECOGNIZED THE BEAUTY THAT ONCE WAS MEDUSA, YOU ARE HARMLESS! BUT TO THOSE WHO SEE EVIL AND UGLINESS, YOU ARE DEATH ITSELF! AND HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE! I AM TEMPTED TO KEEP YOU FOR MYSELF!

BUT NO...IT'S YOUR DESTINY TO ROAM! BUT WHOEVER BUYS YOU, I'LL WARN THEM ABOUT...
YOU, THERE! PROPRIETOR!
I'LL BUY THAT MASK! PRICE IS NO OBJECT!
OF COURSE, BUT LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT...
HE TOOK IT TO HIS STUDY, AND TEN MINUTES LATER...
YOU'RE WORTH A FORTUNE AND YOU'RE ALL MINE FOR A PITTANCE! HOW CAN SUCH A REPULSIVE THING BE WORTH SO MUCH? EH... IT SEEMS TO BE...
DON'T BORE ME, OLD MAN! I KNOW THE STORY... I'M A COLLECTOR MYSELF! JUST GIVE ME THE MASK, QUICKLY!
VERY WELL, SIR!
NO NO
IN THE MASTER'S STUDY! WHAT IS IT, SIR??
... IT IS! THE EYES ARE OPENING! IT... IT'S COMING TO LIFE!!
HISS
HISS
HISSS
AAAAGGH
WHAT'S WRONG?

HE...HE'S DEAD!!
EEEEEEE
THE COLLECTOR WAS DEAD AND THE MASK ONCE AGAIN WAS SOLD AT AUCTION... THEN...
SOLD!
OH, GORDON! YOU'RE A FOOL!
I LIKE IT! IT'S PRETTY!
LATER, AT THE BUYER'S HOME...
GORDON! MUST WE HAVE THAT THING?
I'M FOND OF IT! I THINK I'LL START A COLLECTION! SEE YOU LATER, HAROLD!
DON'T WORRY, MYRA!
DON'T YOU SEE, MYRA! THE MORE TIME GORDON SPENDS COLLECTING THINGS, THE LESS TIME HE'LL HAVE TO NOTICE US!
I KNOW, DARLING... BUT-- SOMEHOW I HATE THAT EVIL LOOKING MASK!
NO
HISSS
HISS
A MOMENT LATER, OUTSIDE THE HOUSE...
EAAA

THE SNAKES! THEY'RE ALIVE ALIVE!!
STOP HIM!
OFFICER! THAT'S HER BOY FRIEND, ALWAYS SNEAKING AROUND BEHIND HER HUSBAND'S BACK!
HER BOY FRIEND, EH? PROBABLY PUSHED HER OUT OF THE WINDOW!
BET HE THREW ACID ALL OVER HER BEFORE HE DID IT!
BUT NO ONE SAW THE PRICELESS MASK OF MEDUSA ON A PILE OF TRASH! AND SO, LATER THAT NIGHT...
OH HOW PRETTY! I'LL TAKE IT HOME!
HEY, YOU!
THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S WORTH SOMETHING! GIMME!
NO! NO! IT'S MINE... MI-- OUCH-!!
I SAID GIMME, YA OLD BLOB!
OUGHTA BE ABLE TO PICK UP FIVE BUCKS FOR THIS HUNK OF TIN!
CLANG!

And THAT NIGHT... THE MASK CAME TO ME A SECOND TIME...
HEY, POP! I GOT A THING HERE... YA WANNA BUY IT?
THE MASK! HOW SOON IT HAS RETURNED...
I'LL BE GLAD TO MY FRIEND!
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THAT MONEY!
HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?
DING
I'LL TAKE ALL OF IT, POP!
HEY!
HISSS
IT'S ALIVE! HELP! IT'S KILLING ME!
TAKE IT OFF ME! HELP!
HISSS
HISSS HISSS

WHEN THE POLICE CAME, I TOLD THEM THE MAN ATTACKED ME... HAD A SEIZURE... THEY WERE SUSPICIOUS, BUT...
GUESS THE OLD MAN'S STORY'S TRUE! BUT I'D SWEAR THAT HE DIED OF SNAKE BITE!
MIKE, MY BOY, YOU NEED A REST! COME ON... LET'S GET HIM TO THE MORGUE!
WELL... HARDLY TEN MINUTES PASSED WHEN...
WELL... WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? AND HOW MANY HAVE YOU KILLED?
GOOD EVENING...
I'D LIKE TO BUY THAT MASK!
OF COURSE... OF COURSE, BUT THERE'S A STORY THAT GOES WITH THIS MASK, AND...
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR STORIES! MAYBE I'LL COME BACK SOME OTHER TIME TO HEAR IT! WRAP IT UP!
OKAY! IT'S YOURS!
WELL, THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW THE MASK! HE NEVER CAME BACK! I WONDER WHY? PERHAPS THE MASK IS HAPPY WITH HIM!
AT ANY RATE, SOMETIMES I WONDER WHERE IS THE BEAUTIFUL, DEADLY MASK OF MEDUSA? WHO WAS IT WHO BOUGHT IT--AND WHO HAS IT NOW?? DOES IT BELONG, PERHAPS... TO YOU??
THE END

THE DEADLY CORPSE

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...THEY'VE LET EVERYTHING GO TO RUIN.. **WHY?**

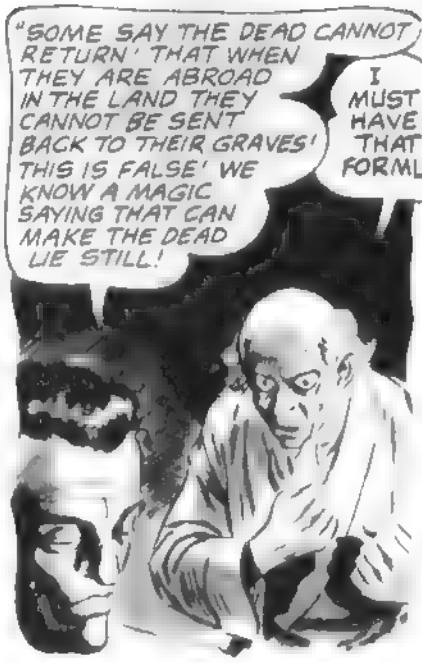
CHARLES VENABLE SOON FOUND SOMETHING HERE THAT REVOLTED HIM! SOMETHING ABNORMALLY EVIL..
IT EVEN SMELLS BAD! I OUGHT TO TURN AROUND AND GO BACK!
KNOCK KNOCK

BUT-- CHARLES VENABLE KNOCKED ON THE THICK DOOR AND WAS ADMITTED!
YOU MUST BE MY NEW SECRETARY! COME IN! PLEASE EXCUSE THE WAY THIS PLACE LOOKS!
RATHER NEGLECTED, I'D SAY!

WHAT DOES IT MATTER? THE THINGS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD DO NOT COUNT! LET IT ROT! THIS WAY, PLEASE!
TELL ME, MR VENABLE ARE YOU AFRAID OF DEATH? OF THE DYING? OF THE DEAD?
N-NO MORE THAN THE NEXT MAN! BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO AS MY JOB AS A SECRETARY?
YOU'LL SEE! YOU MUST BE PREPARED FOR MANY STRANGE THINGS! THIS WAY, PLEASE... TO MY STUDY!

Y-YOUR STUDY? W-WHAT ARE THOSE?
CORPSES! I USE DEAD MEN IN MY RESEARCH! DID THE AGENCY TELL YOU I NEED A MAN WHO CAN READ SANSKRIT?
I MUST HAVE CERTAIN PASSAGES TRANSLATED TO COMPLETE MY STUDIES! HERE... PLEASE TRANSLATE FROM THIS BOOK!

WHY, T-THIS BOOK... IT... IT'S ABOUT BRINGING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE!
AND VICE VERSA! PLEASE READ ALOUD!


"SOME SAY THE DEAD CANNOT RETURN! THAT WHEN THEY ARE ABROAD IN THE LAND THEY CANNOT BE SENT BACK TO THEIR GRAVES! THIS IS FALSE! WE KNOW A MAGIC SAYING THAT CAN MAKE THE DEAD LIE STILL!
I MUST HAVE THAT FORMULA!

I MUST HAVE IT, YOU HEAR? IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS BOOK!
WHY DO YOU NEED A MAGIC FORMULA FOR RETURNING THE DEAD TO THEIR GRAVES?

THERE! YOU HEAR IT? THAT SLITHERING SOUND ALONG THE HALLWAY?
SSSSSSS
YES! WHAT IS IT?

I HEAR IT EVERY NIGHT! I'M AFRAID TO LOOK!
I'LL OPEN THE DOOR AND SEE WHAT IT IS!
SSSSHHH!

NO! NOT YET! NOT UNTIL I HAVE THAT MAGIC FORMULA!
BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND OUT THERE?

I--I DON'T KNOW! BUT IF YOU FIND THE FORMULA... THEN I CAN OPEN THE DOOR! THEN I CAN DARE FACE WHATEVER IT IS!

THAT'S WHY YOU MUST FIND THAT PASSAGE! ONLY THAT MAGIC FORMULA CAN SAVE ME NOW! SAY YOU WILL FIND IT, VENABLE! SAY IT!
I'LL TRY, SIR!

And so, VENABLE TOOK THE JOB! HE BEGAN TO READ DAY AND NIGHT! HE DID NOTHING BUT TRANSLATE! GRANGER REFUSED TO LET HIM REST!
YOU MUST GO ON! YOU MUST FIND THAT MAGIC PHRASE SOMEWHERE IN THE BOOK!
THE PRINT IS SO FINE! THE LANGUAGE IS SO DIFFICULT!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? MY LIFE'S AT STAKE! I... THE SOUND! IT'S BACK AGAIN!
WHY DON'T WE SEE WHAT IT IS? I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK!
NO! NO! YOU CAN'T LET IT INTO THE ROOM! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP TRANSLATING!
BUT HOW CAN I WITH THAT THING CRAWLING AROUND?
NOW IT'S POUNDING ON THE DOOR!
GO AWAY! GO AWAY, I TELL YOU! LEAVE ME ALONE!
THE POUNDING IS LOUDER! STRONGER! VENABLE, PLEASE HELP ME!
BUT THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO EXCEPT WAIT FOR THE POUNDING TO STOP... YET, THE NEXT NIGHT THE POUNDING GREW BOLDER AND WOKE VENABLE... HE GRASPED THE SWORD FROM THE KNIGHT AND RACED INTO THE HALL...
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GET AWAY FROM HERE! GO... OR I'LL KILL YOU!
YEEIII!
WHAM WHACK

HAS IT GONE, VENABLE?
YES! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME!
I CAN'T! I MUSTN'T! I-I CAN'T TELL ANYONE!
YOU'LL TALK, GRANGER, OR I WALK OUT OF THIS HOUSE RIGHT NOW!
COME INSIDE MY STUDY, VENABLE! EACH TIME HE RETURNS HE GETS STRONGER AND BOLDER!
HE? WHO?
"MY BROTHER... ANDREW! WE WERE BOTH STUDENTS OF SORCERY! WE WERE STUDYING HOW TO BRING BACK THE DEAD! ANDREW WAS BRILLIANT, AND I WAS JEALOUS..."
YOU'RE JEALOUS, CARL!
WHY NOT? YOU'RE THE BRILLIANT ONE, NOT ME!
"THE IDEA THAT ANDREW WAS SMARTER THAN I WAS DESTROYING ME! SO ONE NIGHT I TOOK UP A KNIFE...
DIE! DIE, GENIUS!
EEEAHH!
"I STABBED HIM UNTIL I WAS ARM WEARY! THEN I BURIED HIM IN THE GARDEN! NO ONE KNOWS WHERE ANDREW IS... OR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM EXCEPT ME!"
EACH NIGHT HE RETURNS-- FROM HIS GRAVE! THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT TO FIND THAT FORMULA! WE MUST KEEP ANDREW IN HIS GRAVE!
COUNT ME OUT! I WON'T HELP A MURDERER!

AS VENABLE LEFT THE STUDY, HE FROZE IN HIS TRACKS!
THE CORPSE, GRANGER! LOCK YOUR DOOR!
IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND THAT FORMULA!
ALL RIGHT! GIVE ME THE BOOK!
THE DOOR IS LOCKED! HE CAN'T GET IN! HURRY, VENABLE.. READ!
CRACK!
HE'S BREAKING THROUGH!
YOU MURDERING WRETCH! YOU LOST YOUR HEAD LAST WEEK! NOW YOU'LL LOSE IT PERMANENTLY!
NO! STAY AWAY! VENABLE, HELP ME!
IT'S TOO LATE NOW! I'LL GET THE POLICE!
NOTHING WILL HELP! YOU'RE DOOMED, CARL, DOOMED!
EEE!!!
WHEN THE POLICE CAME THEY FOUND ONE BODY DECAPITATED! THE OTHER LAY NEARBY WITH A SURGICAL SAW IN ITS CLAMMY HAND...
ONE CORPSE IS A WEEK OLDER THAN THE OTHER! BUT HOW COME ITS GOT AN ARM AROUND THE FRESH STIFF?
CORONER, WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
THE ANSWER IS A MAGIC FORMULA! IT'S IN THIS BOOK IF YOU CAN FIND IT!
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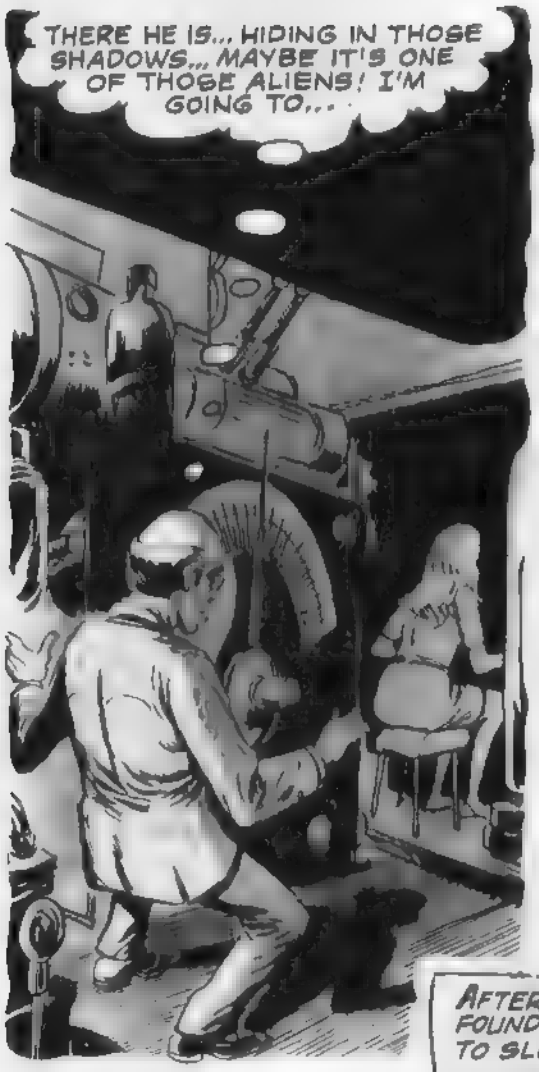
CASADEI
THE LITTLE MAN TWIRLED THE KNOBS! THE SIGNALS FROM OUTER SPACE WERE GROWING LOUDER ... BUT WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT SOON HE WOULD SEE...
THE CREATURES
THERE THE NEEDLE'S POINTING TO THE RED MARK! THAT MEANS I CAN SWITCH ON THE VIEWER! I'LL PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT THE SIGNALS I HEARD A YEAR AGO ON MY RADAR SET WEREN'T MY IMAGINATION!
I-I THINK I'VE GOT THE EXACT FREQUENCY... LISTEN...

BUT THE VIEWER REMAINED BLANK! HUGH CARLSON, HOME INVENTOR TWIDDLED FRANTICALLY WITH THE DIALS... STILL THAT SAME GREY BLANK, ONLY THE SOUND GREW LOUDER...
DA-DA-DA-DIT-DIT-DIT-DA-EEE EEE EOOOOOOOOHHHOOOEOOO
ATTENTION ALL EARTH AGENTS! ALL ORDERS WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN ENGLISH AT THIS POINT! WE ARE APPROACHING YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM... WE SHALL SOON ESTABLISH CONTACT... AWK... SPUTTER...
I-- I SAW A FACE! YES... IT WAS DEFINITELY A FACE! SOMETHING ABOUT EARTH! GOOD LORD! THERE'S LIFE OUT THERE... I MUST REGAIN CONTACT!!

HUGH STRIVED TO RELOCATE THE SIGNAL... THEN HE HEARD...
...HAVE ORDERED OUR ARMADA TO CONQUER ALL RESISTANCE... YOU WILL MASQUERADE A WHILE LONGER UNTIL YOU RECEIVE FURTHER ORDERS... KILL ALL TERRESTIALS WHO BECOME SUSPICIOUS!
YOU CAN'T BLANK OUT NOW! I-I'VE GOT TO HEAR MORE! I'VE LOST THE SIGNAL! SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO EARTH!
EEOOOEEOOOO

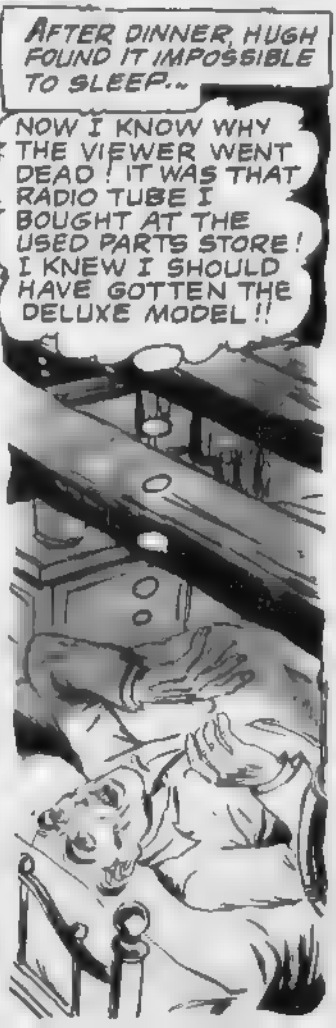
W-WHAT WAS THAT? SOMEONE'S IN HERE!

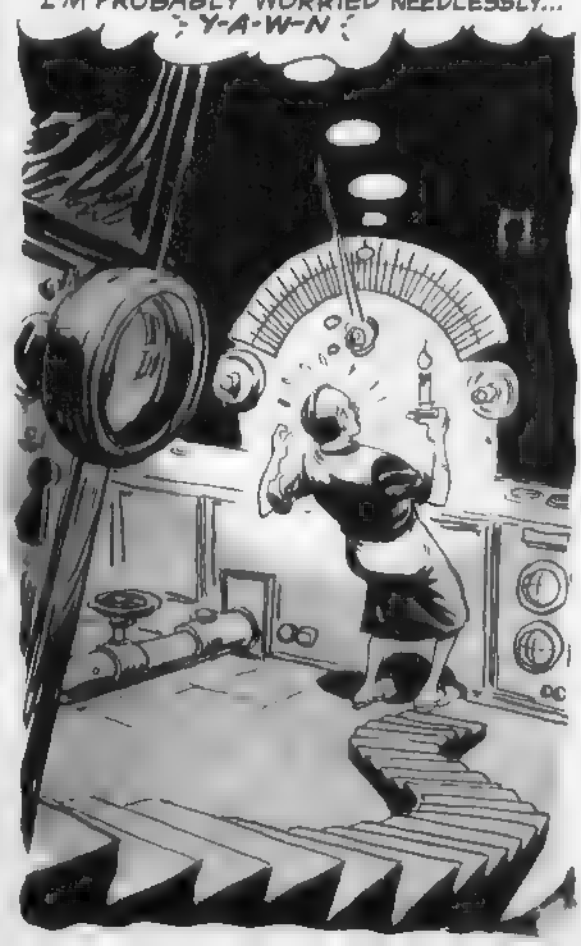

THERE HE IS... HIDING IN THOSE SHADOWS... MAYBE IT'S ONE OF THOSE ALIENS! I'M GOING TO...

HUGH! YOU FRIGHTENED ME!
JANIE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE... NEVER COME DOWN HERE!

WHEN I CALL YOU TO DINNER A DOZEN TIMES AND YOU DON'T ANSWER, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
BUT-- I DID IT, JANE! I SAW THEM! THE ALIENS! THEY'RE GOING TO CONQUER EARTH AND...AND...

WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS! HUGH CARLSON...IF YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING AGAIN...
IT'S THE TRUTH! I'LL SHOW YOU! OHH...THE MACHINE IS DEAD! USED TOO MUCH POWER!!


AFTER DINNER, HUGH FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SLEEP...
NOW I KNOW WHY THE VIEWER WENT DEAD! IT WAS THAT RADIO TUBE I BOUGHT AT THE USED PARTS STORE! I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE DELUXE MODEL!!


MAYBE I WAS ONLY TUNED IN ON A TV PROGRAM! I'LL JUST RECHECK... I'M PROBABLY WORRIED NEEDLESSLY...
Y-A-W-N

Then HUGH OPENED THE CELLAR DOOR... AND WENT DOWN!
YIEEEEEE!! SOMEONE'S DOWN HERE... AND IT'S NOT JANE! H-HE'S EXAMING MY SET! BET HE'S AN ALIEN! Y-YES! THAT'S IT! HE'S GOING TO KILL ME!

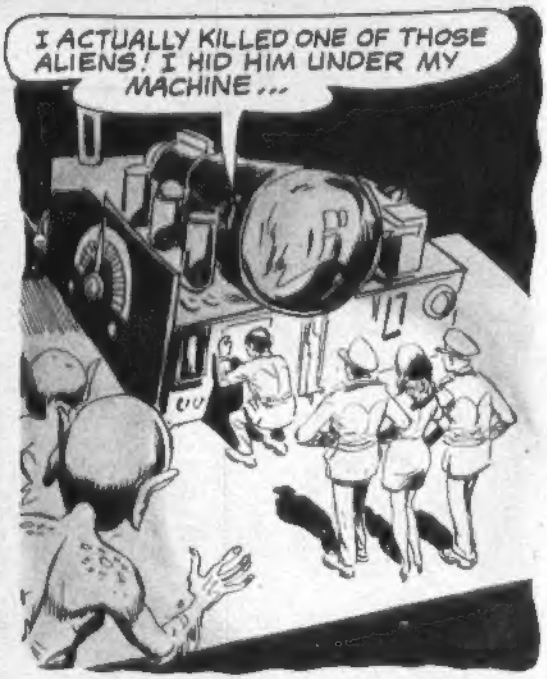
HE'LL KNOW I HEARD EVERYTHING! I-I'VE GOT TO DEFEND MYSELF! HE HASN'T SEEN ME YET!!

THERE! HA! HA! I FOOLED YOU!

A FOUL ODOR WELLED UP FROM THE DEAD ONE, AND HUGH LOOKED AND RETCHED! BUBBLING GREEN LIQUID TRICKLED ONTO THE FLOOR AND HUGH GOT SICKER...
IT...IT WAS ALIEN! OH, MY GOD! WHAT SHALL I DO? I CAN'T TELL JANE! IT...IT WOULD UPSET HER HORRIBLY!

HUGH HID THE BODY AND WENT TO BED! THE NEXT DAY HE COULDN'T EAT!
ARE YOU SICK? WHAT WILL I DO WITH ALL THIS FOOD? WHO COULD THAT BE AT THE DOOR?
I-I DON'T KNOW...

HUGH TOLD THEM EVERY-THING IN A FLOOD OF WELCOME RELIEF!



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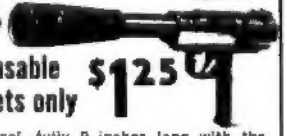

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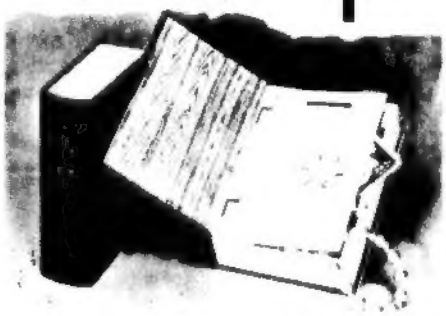

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W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?? Y-YOU'RE SHEDDING YOUR SKINS!
YES! WE ARE! AREN'T WE!!
YA-AA-AA-AA-A-H H-HA
HUGH CARLSON RAN! SOMEHOW HE FOUND THE STRENGTH TO PULL HIS WIFE AFTER HIM... OUTSIDE, THE HOUSE WAS A SCENE OF HELL!
I-I DON'T KNOW? BUT WE MUST ESCAPE OR BE KILLED! WHY ARE YOU SMILING AT ME THAT WAY?
MAYBE BECAUSE I'M REALLY AMUSED, HUGH! BECAUSE I AM DEAD, YOU HEAR?
N-NO, JANE! Y-YOU CAN'T BE... M-MY WIFE...
YOU POOR EARTHLING FOOL! DID YOU THINK YOU KILLED ONE OF US? IT WAS YOUR WIFE THAT YOU KILLED!! ...WE TRIED TO KEEP YOU IGNORANT OF THE INVASION... BECAUSE WE WANT ONE SPECIMEN ALIVE! BUT NOW... IT'S HOPELESS... I SUPPOSE!!
And CARLSON'S WIFE WAS RIGHT... OF COURSE... FOR HUGH BECAME INSANE, SO THEY PLACED HIM IN A CAGE WITH A SIGN OUTSIDE TO EXPLAIN WHO HE WAS... SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS... THE LAST MAN ON EARTH!!
THE END
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